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Applicants submit the enclosed information pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under C.F.R. § 1.56.

The references to be considered are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and a copy of each reference is enclosed. Some of the references were cited in an International Search Report, dated March 19, 1998, received in connection with a foreign counterpart application. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to place his initials next to each reference listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form in the space provided, thereby indicating that the reference was considered. Applicants further request the Examiner to send Applicants a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form.

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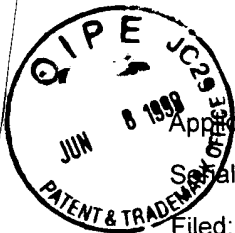
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Enclosed herewith is the Information Disclosure Statement of P. A. Billing-Medel et al. for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE BREAST.

Also enclosed is:

- 1) Form PTO - 1449 (3 pages, in duplicate)
- 2) Copy of Cited References (93 references)
- 3) Copy of International Search Report for PCT/US97/19836
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